(b) whether Government propose to direct the Metro Corporation to operate night services also and if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) A total of 1105 metro train trips are being run on week days i.e. Monday to Saturday and 968 metro train trips on Sundays. On an average, about 4.55 lakhs passengers are travelling daily in these trains.

(b) Presently, last train timings at the terminal stations of the three operational lines are as under:

	Line-I (Shahdara-Rithala)		Line-2 (Vishwavidyalaya-Central Secretariat)		Line-3 (Dwarka Sector-09 to Barakhamba Road	
	Shahdara	Rithala	Vishwa-vidyalaya	Central Secretariat	Dwarka Sector-09	Barakhamba Road
Dep:	2200 Hrs.	2200 Hrs.	2250 Hrs.	2300 Hrs.	2200 Hrs.	2200 Hrs.
Arr:	2237 Hrs.	2237 Hrs.	2319Hrs.	2309 Hrs.	2247Hrs. (Dwarka)	2255Hrs.

At present extension of services beyond the above mentioned timings during nights is not under consideration because of meagre ridership after 2145 Hrs. Besides, time is required to undertake daily activities like cleaning of stations and trains, maintenance of track, equipment and installations as well as running of pilot trains each morning from 0410 Hrs. to ensure that everything is in order prior to commencement of commercial operations for the day.

Fund allocated for e-Governance

*311. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even though the country has achieved tremendous progress and development in Communication and Information Technology, the implementation of e-Governance at grass-root level still remains a matter of promise and yet to come true;

(b) whether Government have held any concrete consultation with the State Governments to implement e-Governance as mandatory;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the amount allocated especially for e-Governance by Government during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): With a view to promote e-Governance on a massive scale; Government has approved the overarching framework for National e-Governance Plan (NeGP) covering Vision, Scope, Approach and Implementation Strategy. This plan includes 27 Mission Mode Projects and 8 Support Components that would be implemented at the Central/ State/Local Government levels.

(b) and (c) For the NeGP, inputs from all States/UTs were invited and their views/suggestions were duly considered. State would be given flexibility to identify a few additional State specific projects (not exceeding 5), which are very relevant for the economic development of the States. There is no proposal to make e-governance mandatory for the States. States are expected to take ownership of their respective projects.

(d) There is no Cental pooling of funds for the implementation of e-Governance projects. Concerned Line Ministries/Department are expected to use their respective budget heads. Department of Information Technology has made following allocations for e-Governance during the last 5 years:

2001-02 — Rs. 5.00 crores

2002-03 — Rs. 41.17 crores

2003-04 — Rs. 36.50 crores

2004-05 — Rs. 215.00 crores

2005-06 — Rs. 300.00 crores

From 2004-05, Planning Commission has also been providing funds for e-Governance under the Additional Central Assistance to States for the NeGP. Under this provision following allocations were made:

2004-05 — Rs. 17.00 crores

2005-06 — Rs. 300.00 crores